

BASIC STRATEGY

There are three kinds of hands in Blackjack:



HARD HANDS

A hard hand is two cards, without an ace.



SOFT HANDS

A soft hand is two cards, one being an ace.



PAIRS

Pairs are two cards of the same points value

BASIC STRATEGY CHART

H Hit **S** Stand **D** Double Down **SP** Split

		Dealer Upcard									
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	A
Your hand	17+	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	16	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	15	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	14	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	13	S	S	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	12	H	H	S	S	S	H	H	H	H	H
	11	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H
	10	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H
	9	H	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
	5-8	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
	A8-10	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	A, 7	S	D	D	D	D	S	S	H	H	H
	A, 6	H	D	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
	A, 5	H	H	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
	A, 4	H	H	D	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
	A, 3	H	H	H	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
	A, 2	H	H	H	D	D	H	H	H	H	H
	AA8,8	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP
	10, 10	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	9, 9	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	S	SP	SP	S	S
	7, 7	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	H	H	H	H
	6, 6	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	H	H	H	H	H
	5, 5	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	H	H
	4, 4	H	H	H	SP	SP	H	H	H	H	H
	3, 3	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	H	H	H	H
	2, 2	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	H	H	H	H

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LET'S PLAY

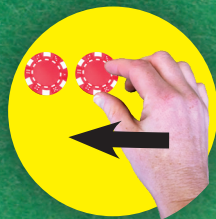
Starting from the dealer's left, cards are dealt out until each player has two cards face up and must decide their next move. Each move corresponds with a hand gesture:



HIT

Get another card from the dealer. If this card takes your total points above 21, then it's a "bust" or a loss.

WHAT TO DO: Tap your finger on the table behind your cards



DOUBLE DOWN

Double your initial bet in the middle of a hand in exchange for one extra card.

WHAT TO DO: Place your chips next to your original bet.



STAND

Let the dealer know you are satisfied with your hand and do not want any more cards.

WHAT TO DO: Wave your hand over the table.



SPLIT

If you have two cards of the same value, split them into two separate hands. This requires making another bet equal to the original one. The dealer will automatically give the first hand a second card, which the player may hit, stand, or double - before moving on to play the second hand.

WHAT TO DO: Show the dealer a splitting gesture of your index and middle finger.

ETIQUETTE

Ready to play?

Although they don't increase your odds of winning, good manners make for a good game:

- To buy chips from the dealer, place your cash on the table just outside your betting spot.
- Always place your higher denomination chip on the bottom of your stack of chips.
- Don't touch the cards you have been dealt.
- Keep the table free of personal items.
- Need advice? Blackjack dealers are always happy to help.

